

### Watch Night Services at Foursquare

Immediately following the Sunday night evangelistic service, Dec. 31, "Watch Night" services will begin in the Torrance Foursquare church located at 1207 El Prado.

Several ministers will participate adding to the interest of this service. An illustration, with characters assisting, will be presented in which the old year will be laid away, and the New Year begun. Father Time will be present and the New Year appropriately ushered in.

A gift will be given to every family or representative of a family attending the Sunday

night service in the Foursquare church, by the pastors, Rev. and Mrs. Pedersen extend a cordial invitation to one and all to attend New Year's eve and Watch Night services.

**SMALL BUSINESS**  
Quartermaster Corps contracts awarded to small business firms during the first six months of 1944 amounted to 73 per cent of the dollar value of all quartermaster contracts, Ninth Service Command Quartermaster, Fort Douglas, Utah, has been informed by the War Department.

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### RATION FACTS

**MEATS, CHEESES, CANNED MILK, BUTTER, CANNED FISH**—Book 4 red stamps, 10 points, Q5 through S5, valid indefinitely; T5 through X5 valid Dec. 31.

**GREASE BONUS**—Butchers will give 2 red tokens for every pound of salvaged kitchen fats received.

**PROCESSED FOODS**—Book 4 blue stamps, 10 points, X5, Y5, X5, A2, B2, valid indefinitely; C2, D2, E2, F2, and G2 valid Jan. 1.

**NOTE**—New red and blue stamps will become valid on or about the first of each month.

**SUGAR**—Book 4 stamp 34 valid indefinitely.

**SHOES**—Book 3 airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 good indefinitely. NOTE: Take book along to make purchase.

**GASOLINE**—A4 coupons good for four gallons to March 21.

All coupons must be endorsed on face with car license number and state of registration.

PRICES—For all information regarding prices contact the Price Clerk of your local board.

### Sgt. Kirkpatrick Has Fifth Oak Leaf Cluster

Staff Sgt. Lee W. Kirkpatrick, Torrance, Calif., a turret gunner with a Twelfth Air Force B-25 bombardment group based on the island of Corsica was recently awarded the Fifth Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal, "for meritorious achievement while participating in an attack upon the enemy troop and gun concentrations at Rimini, Italy."

The citation reads in part, "the professional skill and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Kirkpatrick reflect highest credit upon the Military Service of the United States."

Staff Sgt. Kirkpatrick is also authorized to wear the Distinguished Unit Badge, signifying that he is a member of a Twelfth Air Force B-25 Mitchell bombardment group which has received the War Department citation "for its part in destroying the Benevento, Italy, marshalling yards with devastating effect."

Joining his present group 15 months ago, this California turret gunner has flown 33 combat missions against German held targets in France, Italy and Yugoslavia.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Kirkpatrick, reside in Fellows, Calif.

### QUEEN OF THE ROSES



Mary Rutte, 15 year old Pasadena school girl has been chosen Queen of the 56th annual Torrance of Roses. While there will be no parade this New Year's day all other festivities including the Rose Bowl game will be held as usual. Queen Mary was chosen for this honor from a group of 3000 contestants. Her father is Col. L. B. Rutte serving in the armed forces.

### News Broadcast To Be Conducted From High School

Wednesday, Jan. 3, Harrison Wood, distinguished commentator, will broadcast his regular 2:00 o'clock program from the auditorium of Torrance high school.

Preceding the presentation, KJH technicians will wire the school auditorium that the nationwide audience may hear the usual news interpretation.

Wood requested the school to pick out six students for a panel to sit on the stage and present him three questions each, one from each of three fields which the students themselves designated. Chosen to act on the panel were the six young men who are running for the offices of president and vice president of the student body for the spring semester, Charles Duane, Richard Honrath, Robert Maxfield, Ralph Pegors, Bill Shaner and Werner Sommer, the candidates who had filed their applications, are the members of the panel who will be thus honored.

Louis Sauter, director of instrumental music at the high school, will present the school orchestra in a few patriotic numbers to open the program. Bert Smith, student body president, will then take over and lead the flag salute, a minute of silent tribute to our fighting men, and the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner." After that, the technicians will be presented to the student body, followed by opening remarks by Wood.

At 2 p.m. Wood will go on the air, answering over the national hook-up the questions put to him by the Torrance high school boys.

To conclude the assembly he will answer questions from the floor pertaining to questions of international importance.

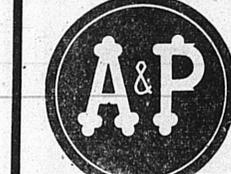
### Housewives to Aid Drive on Inflation

Leaders in the food industry, both wholesalers and retailers throughout the country, are now engaged in a campaign to police their own industry to prevent violations of ceiling prices with the aid of every housewife in America.

This Grocer Consumer Anti-Inflation campaign is a joint endeavor on the part of both buyers and sellers to halt inflation by preventing sales at retail being made above the advertised ceiling price, Frank S. Bathis, Jr., OPA district director, said today.

Instead of going from store to store checking ceiling prices, a shopping around for the lowest price, the housewife, on a regular visit to the grocer she patronizes produces an "anti-inflation" grocery check list, writes down each item that she purchases, the price charged and then compares this price with the ceiling prices posted by the merchant. If she finds the price charged at variance with the advertised price she simply calls the overcharge to the attention of the grocer. Perhaps there's a reason, the grocer hasn't posted the supplemental price list recently issued or is displaying an old list. He promises to get up a corrected list and both buyer and seller have rendered a service towards keeping down the cost of living.

Already, the Community Service Chairman and the Price Panel Chairman of every Southern California war price and rationing board have received literature and instructions which form the basis of the campaign. Local OPA boards have the responsibility for distributing copies of the "Anti-Inflation Grocery Check List" to organized groups in every community. These groups, in turn, will distribute single copies of the check list to their members for checking purposes when they are making regular purchases. There is to be no "over the counter" single copy distribution of check lists from the local OPA board. All copies must reach the consumer through organized groups and are to be returned in bulk lots to the chairman of the Price Panel of every local OPA board.



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- Lettuce ICEBERG FRESH! head 10¢

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- Preserves Sultana-Blackberry 1 lb. Glass 25¢
- Evap. Milk White House—Vitamin D Added 3 Tall Cans 27¢

### Bokar Coffee VIGOROUS & WINEY 2 1-lb. Bags 51¢

- Grapefruit Juice 46-oz. Can 30¢
- ANN PAGE Syrup 16-oz. Bottle 48¢
- WHITE SAIL Liquid Blue 3 1-lb. Bottle 9¢
- SULTANA Peanut Butter 2 1-lb. Jar 37¢

### MEAT DEPT. VALUES!

- FANCY FOWL 39¢ lb
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- Liver Sausage SMOKED! 32¢
- Tom Turkeys PRIME, GRADE A While they last! 47¢ lb

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### Less Gasoline Sold in State, Report Reveals

Reversing the upward trend registered in September, October assessments of oil companies for California gasoline taxes are less than they were for the corresponding month of 1943.

T. E. Collins, chairman of the State Board of Equalization, made this disclosure here today upon completion of assessments showing that October taxes of \$4,334,090 were \$542 less than for the same month last year. He explained that the taxes just collected were based upon distribution by oil companies of 144,469,680 gallons of gasoline, in contrast to 144,487,755, a decline of 18,075 gallons. Collins commented:

"Although this is only a small drop, it is indicative of a substantial change in the trend, since a month ago a gain of 4,468,245 gallons was registered in the assessments then completed. Apparently the October figures mark a return to the downward trend that had been prevailing since last April."

"For a period of five months California gasoline taxes were steadily less than they were during the same month of 1943. When this decline was broken by a gain of \$134,047, or 3.24 per cent, in September, there was hope that an upward trend might be established, but the October figures indicate that improvement was only temporary."

Collins said that under war conditions gasoline tax revenues have declined so sharply that he total collections covering distributions through the first

### OIL RIG SPLINTERED AS CYCLONE HITS W. TORRANCE TWISTER IS SHORT-LIVED

For an oil well in the Torrance-Lomita area to "blow in" is one thing but for a cyclone to come along and make splinters of a wooden oil well rig—that's unusual.

The cyclone struck "Dawson No. 1" in the west end of Torrance near the Edison plant last Thursday night and demolished the rig in an instant. It damaged some other structures mildly, but the rig—

Fred Bever, 2028 W. 237th st., owner of the well, today was still clearing out the debris and hoped to find the pipes and pump in good condition. It is almost impossible currently to replace the \$3,000 rig. The well is reported to be a good producer.

Bever, who owns four wells in that section, was absent when Mrs. Bever at Crestline and returned home Friday to discover the loss. He felt lucky, he said, that the twister, one of the worst ones known to have visited here in years, came at night and during his absence. It struck about 9:30 p.m. Timber and particles of the rig were strewn far and wide. The twister soon played out, else it might have raised havoc in this area.

ten months of this year were only \$11,296,152, an amount that was \$11,543,081, less than had been realized from the same source by the end of October, 1941, which was the last year before rationing became effective.



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### Ration Point Details Given By Government

Details of the greatly expanded and tightened rationing program announced by Price Administrator Chester Bowles Dec. 24 were given by Paul Barksdale d'Orr, OPA district ration chief yesterday.

All blue and red ration stamps validated before December, 1944 and all outstanding sugar stamps except sugar stamp 34 were cancelled at 12:01 a. m. Dec. 26. Blue stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through W5 were cancelled. Blue stamps X5, Y5, Z5, A2 and B2 remain valid. Red stamps, A8 through Z8 and A5 through P5 are cancelled. Remaining valid are red stamps Q5, R5 and S5.

Five canned vegetables were added to the ration list Dec. 26. These are asparagus, corn, wax or green beans, peas and spinach.

At the same time OPA announced that ration point values of processed fruits and juices, tomatoes and tomato juices will remain unchanged until 12:01 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, when new and lower point values will be announced.

Point value of butter changed to 24 points per pound, effective 12:01 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31. Most unrationed meats are returned to the ration list, effective at 12:01 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31.

New stamps validated are five red stamps—T5, U5, V5, W5 and X5 may be used beginning Sunday, Dec. 31.

Five new blue stamps for processed foods—C2, D2, E2, F2 and G2 become good Monday, Jan. 1.

A new stamp for sugar will be made valid for five pounds on Feb. 1, OPA said.

Point values being established for previously point-free canned vegetables are as follows—asparagus, No. 2 can, 10 blue points; green or wax beans, No. 2 can 10 points; vacuum-packed whole kernel corn, 12-ounce can, 20 points; all other corn except corn on cob, No. 2 can, 20 points; peas, No. 2 can, 20 points; spinach, No. 2 can, 10 points.

Present values for most canned fruits and juices now costing points are reduced 10 points per can. The point cost of the 10 to 14 ounce size of tomato catsup and chili sauce is reduced from the former 50 points to 30 points. Grapefruit and orange juices remain point free.

### MOST DANGEROUS AGE

Accidental death comparisons reveal that more accidents happen to men between the ages of 16 and 44 than at other times in the average lifetime. The most dangerous age for a woman, however, is when she is over 65.

### POCKET GUIDES

Three new pocket guides have been prepared for soldiers in the European theater of operations by the information and education division of the Army Service Force. It was learned in a report at Ninth Service Command headquarters, today. They are for Paris and cities of Northern France, Southern France, and Italy.



### Thanks Friends!

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- WHITE KING Laundry Soap 3 for 14¢
- SCOTCH Gran. Soap 20¢
- CALLA LILY Gran. Soap 23¢
- KINGSFORD Corn Starch 1-lb. Pkg. 8¢
- OUR MOTHERS Cocoa 1-lb. Size 10¢